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VIA FACSIMILE CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

National Prearranged Services, Inc.
Attn: Katherine P. Scannell, Esq.
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P.O. Box 50416
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Re: Necessity for Approved Preneed Funeral Contract

Dear Ms. Scannell:

As you are aware, this office received a preneed funeral contract from National Prearranged Services, Inc. (NPS) on December 7, 2007. An amendment to this contract was also received by this office on January 24, 2008. A letter was sent to you on February 4, 2008 rejecting the contract as amended for failure to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-5-406(d). As such, neither NPS nor Lincoln Memorial Life Insurance Company, an affiliated company of NPS, has an approved preneed funeral contract for use in the State of Tennessee.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-5-406(a) states, "No pre-need funeral contract shall be offered in this state until a copy of the contract has been filed with and approved by the Commissioner."

The Commissioner is authorized to assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation of this statute. Additionally, Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-5-415 makes violation of this part a criminal offense.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Gribble

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Executive Director